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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM
BY COMBUSTIONLESS HYDROLYSIS

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. A check for \$760.00 representing the filing fee.
2. Application - 31 pages, including 2 independent claims and 19 claims total.
3. Drawings - 9 sheets of formal drawings containing 15 figures.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for
filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Application No.
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Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due
and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this
application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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